

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED FIRMS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR LEGAL MATTERS REQUIRING A SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-55 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Bridgewater, the Township Attorney is authorized, with the approval of the Council and within available appropriations, to employ such additional counsel to aid in the trial or argument of such actions, causes or proceedings of importance in which the Township may be a party or be interested as he may deem necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has requested the council solicit proposals for qualified professional legal services for special counsel services, with said proposals having been unsealed on February 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit “Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Township has sought said services to provide the services through the use of a “fair and open process,” as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

WHEREAS, as required by this law, the Township provided sufficient notice of its Request for Proposals/Qualifications; publicly solicited RFPs through the utilization of the Township’s official Web site; established an award and disclosure process documented in writing prior to soliciting any RFPs; publicly opened all proposals; and publicly will award the Contract via resolution of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, in response to the RFP, the following eight (8) firms have submitted a proposal to render legal services for the Township as approved special counsel through December 31, 2022, based on the compensation delineated hereinbelow:

Weiner Law Group, LLP
Bell, Shivas & Bell PC
Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs LLC
Post Polak PA
DiFrancesco Bateman PC
Woolson Anderson Peach PC
Ruderman & Roth LLC
Antonelli Kantor PC

WHEREAS, the proposals submitted by Weiner Law Group, LLP, Bell, Shivas & Bell PC, Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs LLC, Post Polak PA, DiFrancesco Bateman PC, Woolson Anderson Peach PC, Ruderman & Roth LLC, and Antonelli Kantor PC each have been evaluated by the Township Attorney, Christopher M. Corsini, Esq., and individually meet the selection criteria articulated in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council deems it in the best interests of the Township to qualify pursuant to the aforementioned RFP the law firms of Weiner Law Group, LLP, Bell, Shivas & Bell PC, Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs LLC, Post Polak PA, DiFrancesco Bateman PC, Woolson Anderson Peach PC, Ruderman & Roth LLC, and Antonelli Kantor PC to

provide the services delineated in the RFP and wishes to provide its advice and consent pursuant to the request of the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Availability of Funds shall be executed by the Chief Financial Officer at the time a service resolution and/or a purchase order is approved or placed and prior to the issuance of a contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 44A:11-1 et seq., requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council that it hereby provides its advice and consent to the qualification of Weiner Law Group, LLP, Bell, Shivas & Bell PC, Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs LLC, Post Polak PA, DiFrancesco Bateman PC, Woolson Anderson Peach PC, Ruderman & Roth LLC, and Antonelli Kantor PC as the special counsel pursuant to the RFPQ for the calendar year 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contracts and any and all related documents reflected in the RFPQ and its attachments with Weiner Law Group, LLP, Bell, Shivas & Bell PC, Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs LLC, Post Polak PA, DiFrancesco Bateman PC, Woolson Anderson Peach PC, Ruderman & Roth LLC, and Antonelli Kantor PC and to take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this Resolution within the mandates of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be publicly advertised pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-5 et seq.

Introduced	Seconded	Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
✓		Kirsh	✓			
		Norgalis				✓
		Pedroso	✓			
	✓	Ring	✓			
		Kurdyla	✓			

Adopted: March 17, 2022

I, Grace Njuguna, RMC, Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bridgewater Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on March 17, 2022

Signed: 